

Cumberland County Fire Chief's Association

Minutes of Monthly Meeting

March 22, 2004

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Freddy Johnson, Sr. The monthly meeting was hosted by Fayetteville Fire Chief Bennie Nichols at Fayetteville Fire Station #5. President Johnson recognized Chief John Harold for arranging the meal.

Opening Prayer: Association Chaplin Mike Casanova provided the opening prayer and blessing for the food.

Roll Call and Approval of Minutes: Roll call was conducted and there were **twenty-three (23)** Departments present along with **ten (10)** associate members. There were no additions, deletions, changes or discussion on the February 23rd minutes and President Johnson approved the minutes as presented.

Members Absent:

Stations – **11, 22**

Associate Members – **None**

Meeting Next Month: The next meeting will be for Chief's only at EMS Base April 26, 2004 at 1900 Hours.

Treasurer's Report: Not applicable

Vendors: None

Guests: Representative Margaret Dickson
District Court Judge John W. Dickson
Attorney Neil Yarborough
District Ranger M. Goode

1. Representative Dickson addressed the organization pleading support for the various fire service programs and initiatives.

President's Report: President Johnson briefed the association on the following issues:

1. President Johnson stated that there has been nothing further from Cape Fear Valley Hospital concerning membership representation on the proposed hospital authority.
2. President Johnson asked Col. Nunnery if there is anything further on the Hyde County pay issue? Col Nunnery stated it is a dead issue and we have received all the money we are going to get.
3. President Johnson informed all members that at the next meeting the By-Laws will be reviewed, goals would be set for the organization and committee assignments will be made.
4. President Johnson thanked Chief Blackburn for the outstanding work done by the Memorial Committee's work. The ceremony was very well presented.
5. President Johnson reminded all members that there are two weeks left to apply for the FEMA Grants. He encouraged everyone to apply.
6. President Johnson stated that Fayetteville Fire Department has been connected to the file server. Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force Base are not able to connect due to Security concerns.
7. President Johnson encouraged members to check out the Bulletin Board on CCFCA Server.
8. President Johnson asked about the train-the-trainer class on the Fit Test for Advantage 1000 Hazmat Masks. (Brian Combs is the instructor). Col Nunnery stated the class went well.
9. President Johnson announced that a Rescue Committee has been appointed. Freddy Johnson Jr. will act as Chairman and representatives from Cotton, Vander, Fayetteville, Fort Bragg, and EMS will be on the committee. They are to look into the capabilities and assets of the county departments and determine where Rescue 104 needs be assigned. Eastover Fire Department has formally requested that Rescue 104 be assigned to their station. President Johnson stated not every fire department will need a rescue vehicle that in some instances on hand rescue tools will do the job. In the event there is a need for air bags and heavy rescue tools, a rescue vehicle should be available. The committee will report back to the association within 90 days or so and a decision will be made by the association. A meeting of the committee is scheduled March 31, 2004 at EMS Base
10. President Johnson advised that the members should get serious about Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) use. All stations need to work together to make sure the RIT Team is available for it's intended use and not assigned to the manpower pool or other duties. We will discuss this further and set up some guidelines dealing with this issue.
11. President Johnson advised the members that the file server had to have licenses for each station. The license were bought from Dell and they gave the wrong disk, however all things are being worked out.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. President Johnson asked Col Nunnery about mapping and OSFM issues. Issues are being worked on.
2. Automatic aid will be addressed after the ISO 9S issues are completed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Technology/Automation Committee (Firehouse): Chairman: President Johnson (**OPEN**)

The Following Programs are on the Server

1. Office 2000 Software
2. Visio-CAD Design Program-(Drawings for Pre-plans etc)
3. Paint Shop Pro 7 (Scan or Change Digital Pictures)
4. Microsoft Streets, Mapping programs
5. Fire Zone (Pre-plan Program with picture graphics)
6. Chemtrack Disk for Hazmat Chemical list
7. NFPA Subscription ***
8. Policies and Procedures
9. Bulletin Board for County Wide info and news

ID Card Committee: Chairman: To Be Determined.

1. Chiefs need to call Tara Johnson at 424-0694 or e-mail her directly at tara@stonepointfire.com to schedule date and time to have pictures taken for I D Cards. **This section is FYI only**

Fire Prevention/Education Committee: Chairman: **Assistant Chief Alan Jones:**

1. Anyone needing smoke alarms contact Station 7.

Eastern Fire Seminar: Chairman(s): **Chief Johnson Sr/Middleton/Trimmer:**

1. President Johnson informed the membership that the seminar staff encountered several problems during the seminar. If he was to assign a grade we would receive an "F" for this years seminar. We had problems all around that we will fix and address.

Communications Committee: Chairman Chief K. Hall

1. **Reminder that all Departments are to coordinate with their own communications provider to have PL Codes installed for a countywide activation.** This has been delayed 60 days until after the annexation.
2. Chief Hall spoke about problems encountered on Sunday March 7, 2004. During a storm EOC was flooded with calls and many emergency radio calls to EOC were not answered. Some of the problems were related to excessive radio traffic blocking or walking over other traffic. There were problems with the 911 number being busy and callers not able to get through. Chief Hall questioned our continued use of a communication network that is inadequate for our county. President Johnson asked Chief Hall to Email committee members with information on a Committee Meeting to address communication problems.

Standards & Policy Committee: Chairman: **Chief Marley:**

1. No Report

Training & Training Standards Committee: Chairman: **Chief John House:**

1. No Report

Memorial Committee: Chairman: **Deputy Chief Blackburn:**

1. See Presidents Report

Automatic Aid/Mutual Aid Committee: Chairman: **J. F. Hall:**

1. No Report.

Finance Committee: Chairman: **Assistant Chief Freddy Johnson Jr.**

1. No Report

Public Relations Committee: Chairman: **Executive Committee**

1. No Report

Grievance Committee: Chairman: **Set up as needed:**

Nomination Committee:

1. No Report

Association Property - Fire Safety Trailer:

1. No Report.

Mobile & Stationary Air Systems -

1. Filling responsibilities for the month of **March 2004** are with the **Stoney Point Fire Department.**

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS REPORT: Reports from all associate members:

Emergency Services Director (ESD): *Colonel Nunnery.*

1. Already presented everything during the early parts of the meeting.

ECC-9-1-1 *Major Curry.*

1. No Report.

Emergency Management. *TBD*

1. No Report.

EMS *Colonel W. Ainsworth.*

1. No Report.

Hazmat Chief *Nichols FFD.*

1. Proper Mask Fitting was discussed. The Mask come in sizes and each person should know what size is needed. President Johnson requested the names on those trained in the "Train the Trainer" Meeting mentioned in the Presidents Report. The list will be available for the Fire Chief's to call and set up an appointment for fitting.

Forestry District *Ranger J. Johnson.*

1. Fire Wise Program was mentioned

FTCC *Mr. Butch Trimmer / Ernest Ward.*

1. No Report.

Sheriff's Office *Sheriff Butler / Det. W.Smith...*

1. Sheriff Butler reminded the members to join him with the State Treasurer for a book signing tomorrow night down town. An e-mail has been send out to all users.

Highway Patrol ***1SG Kidd / Trp. Johnson Jr.***

1. No Report

County Commissioners: ***Fire Commissioner Tal Baggett.***

Commissioner Baggett reminded everyone of the upcoming 250th Anniversary Celebration scheduled for March 26 & 27.

Presentation:

1. No presentations.

Christian Firefighters: ***Chaplain M. Casanova***

1. No Report.

For the Good of the Association:

1. Nothing

Adjournment: A Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by **Fire Chief Roger Miller** and seconded by **Chief Ronnie Marley**.

Meeting adjourned at 2100 Hours

Respectfully Submitted By:

Freddy L. Johnson Sr
Fire Chief Freddy Johnson Sr.
President

Harold O. Shirley
Assistant Chief Harold Shirley
Secretary

Date: **March 22, 2004**